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Jerry Seinfeld Headlines the Grand Re-Opening of Stockton's Bob Hope Theatre

- Historical Theatre's Gala Grand Re-Opening scheduled for September 18 -

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STOCKTON, Calif. – The city of Stockton and International Facilities Group (IFG), today announced that world-renown comedian, Jerry Seinfeld, will headline the Gala Grand Re-Opening of the Bob Hope Theatre on Sept. 18, 2004. The city of Stockton has contracted with IFG to provide development and operation management services for the Bob Hope Theatre.

“Having a performer of Jerry Seinfeld’s caliber is a testimony to the progress the city of Stockton has made in the past six years,” said Mark Lewis, Stockton city manager. “More than \$150 million has been invested in Stockton’s downtown area, transforming the city into a hub of commerce and activity. The Theatre, which is the cornerstone of this revitalization, will be used for live performances, cinema, private parties and other special events that will reflect our diverse cultural community.”

The Bob Hope Theatre, formerly known as the California Fox, was built in 1930 and is a nationally registered historical place. “This is the only theater in the country named after Bob Hope, one of the most beloved entertainers of all time,” noted Gary Podesto, mayor of Stockton. “Year after year, this beautiful venue will honor his name and memory by hosting an outstanding line-up of shows and performers.”

Eight and a half million dollars have been invested to revitalize the 2042-seat Theatre. The renovation includes cleaning, painting and refurbishment of decorative murals, installation of a marble mosaic floor and a carved granite sidewalk designed by professional artists. A 1928 Robert Morton theater organ, which was last played in the Seattle Fox Theatre over 40 years ago, was lovingly restored and donated to the Theatre by The Friends of the Fox, a volunteer organization that has been instrumental in preserving the Theatre. Grants from the U.S. Congress and the state of Calif.; donations from Stockton resident and developer Alex Spanos and other private businesses; and funds from the city of Stockton, the Redevelopment Agency and the Friends of The Fox contributed to the revitalization.

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“I am looking forward to performing in one of the few remaining downtown historical theatres,” said Seinfeld. “The people of Stockton have shown amazing commitment and dedication towards the improvement of their community, and I am excited to be part of this historical event.”

Born in 1954, Seinfeld is one of the world’s best known comedians and actors. Seinfeld’s career as a nightclub comedian led him to star as himself on NBC’s series “Seinfeld” – named by TV Guide as the no. 1 show in the history of television. The actor has received numerous recognitions, including several Golden Globe and Screen Actors Guild awards. Seinfeld made his acting debut in a production at Queens College, where he received a bachelor’s degree in theater and communication.

Gala Grand Re-Opening

The Grand Re-Opening Gala will be one of the region’s premier events. A gourmet dinner and dedication ceremony will begin at 5:30 p.m. PST; followed by a dedication and tribute to Bob Hope and entertainment by Jerry Seinfeld and ending with dessert and dancing to regional favorite, the Busta-Groove band, after the performance.

Approximately 650 tickets will be available for the Grand Re-Opening Gala, which includes dining on Main Street, participation in the dedication, great seats for Seinfeld’s performance, and dessert and dancing back out on Main Street. Gala tickets are currently on sale and available by calling the Gala Hotline at (209) 464-4350 or logging on to hotline@buethepr.com. Joyce Giovanetti and Kathy Tomura are the Gala co-chairs.

Those wishing to purchase tickets to the show only can register now for a priority advance sale opportunity by logging on to <http://www.bobhopetheatre.com> and entering their email address. Those registrants will be notified and have the opportunity to purchase tickets before they go on sale to the public. Show only tickets include dessert and dancing on Main Street following the performance.

The remaining tickets will go on sale to the public in early August. For the latest information on Bob Hope Theatre Grand Re-Opening tickets go to <http://www.bobhopetheatre.com> or call (209) 937-8841.

About IFG

International Facilities Group (IFG) is a full-service company that provides key strategic planning, project development and management services for state-of-the-art sports and entertainment facilities. For over 18 years, IFG’s managing members and personnel have

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been on the front lines of the sports and entertainment facility industry, successfully participating in excess of two billion dollars worth of development projects. IFG presently oversees the operations of the newly created Stockton Sports Arena and Complex, as well as Stockton's renovated Bob Hope Theatre. Additional customers include U.S. Cellular Field, Chicago; Comerica Park, Detroit; Great American Ball Park, Cincinnati, Ohio; and American Airlines Arena, Miami, Florida among others. For more information visit www.ifgroup.cc.

About the city of Stockton

The city of Stockton is one of California's fastest growing communities. Stockton is currently the 12th largest city in California with a dynamic, multi-ethnic and multi-cultural population of over 260,000. The city is undergoing a tremendous economic expansion and is aggressively revitalizing its downtown. In December 2003, a 16 screen Cineplex opened next to the waterfront, and projects underway include an indoor arena, baseball stadium, hotel, apartments, retail and housing. Stockton is also constructing retail and entertainment centers at the gateways of the city. The National Civic League has awarded the city of Stockton with the 2004 All America City award. Stockton is one of 10 cities in the country to receive the award and was also a 1999 award winner. The city was also ranked 14th in job growth by Forbes magazine.

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